

River Oaks
Elementary School
Dolphin Gazette

November 2023



Dear River Oaks Families,

The month of November ends the first quarter and we begin the second quarter for the 2023-2024 school year. November 3rd marked the end of the first quarter and November 8th is the start of the second quarter. First quarter report cards will be available for you to view in ParentVue on November 15, 2023. If you have difficulty or do not have access to ParentVue, please contact the front office at 703-441-0050 for assistance. Also, November is the month of Thanksgiving and at River Oaks we are so thankful to be in partnership with you, our families and community.

Monday, November 6th & Tuesday, November 7th- School closed for Students

November 6-7, 2023 is Records Day and Parent Teacher Conferences, so there is no school for students. Parents/Guardians if you have not already scheduled your conference time with your child's teacher, please contact them via email or message them through School Status to do so.

Picture Day

Picture Day is November 15, 2023. Information for picture day was previously sent home with students. If you have questions about Nov.15th picture day, please contact Ms. Williams at williae@pwcs.edu.

Student Device Insurance

All families signed an agreement of responsibility for the devices in the online Back to School Packet. To avoid fees for damaged or broken devices, we are encouraging all families to purchase device insurance for only \$29.95. Please see the link below for more information about the insurance.

English

https://riveroakses.pwcs.edu/news/2023/10/prince_william_county_public_schools_insurance_flyer_securranty_2023_compressed.pdf

Spanish

https://riveroakses.pwcs.edu/news/2023/10/prince_william_county_public_schools_spanish_insurance_flyer_securranty_compressed.pdf

Cost of Repairs of Student Devices if Do Not Purchase Insurance

If a laptop or iPad is broken or damaged and the insurance is not purchased, below is the cost that will need to be paid for the device to be repaired and prior to the student receiving another device.

Processor (The "brain" of the computer)-	\$352.00
LCD (screen) /Hinge Up Assembly (hinges where the laptop opens and closes)	\$417.00
Keyboard (letter keys)-	\$169.00
Touchpad (square pad used for navigating the screen)-	\$149.00
Audio Board (sound parts)-	\$152.00
Base Enclosure (exterior of the laptop)-	\$169.00

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Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Officers Needed

The PTO needs a treasurer. Interested in being the treasurer please send Dr. Gibson an email at gibsonnl@pwcs.edu. If you need to get in contact with the River Oaks PTO you may email them at riveroakselementarypto@gmail.com. Soon you will be getting information about membership, meetings, fundraisers, and more in the upcoming River Oaks' PTO newsletter and website,

2023-2024 PTO Elected Officers

- ❖ President- Belinda Brown
- ❖ Vice President- Alicia Young
- ❖ Treasurer- vacant
- ❖ Secretary- Shamina Akther
- ❖ Event Coordinator- Angela Butler

River Oaks School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council will begin meeting in November. If you are interested in being a part of the School Advisory Council, please contact the chair of the School Advisory Council, Ms. Andrews at andrewrb@pwcs.edu.

Communication

Effective communication is important for the home-school connection. When contacting a staff member please be aware that staff has 24-48 hours (Mon.- Fri.) to respond to all messages (phone, School Status, email). If there is an emergency situation please contact the front office. During the school day staff members are engaged with students and are not always accessible to emails or phone;

Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember:

- Mon., Nov. 6th- Staff Work Day/Parent-Teacher Conference Day- No School for Students
- Tues., Nov. 7th- Staff Work Day/ Parent-Teacher Conference Day - No School for Students
- Wed., Nov. 8th- Start of 2nd Quarter
- Fri., Nov. 10th- Veteran's Day- Schools and Offices Closed
- Wed., Nov. 15th- Picture Day & 1st Quarter Report Cards in ParentVue
- Nov-22nd-24th- Thanksgiving Break- Schools and Offices Closed
- Tues., Nov. 28th- 1st Quarter Awards Assembly for Kindergarten students- begins at 9:30am, doors will open at 9:00am, families please enter through door 9
- Wed., Nov. 29th- 1st Quarter Awards Assembly
 - 3rd-5th grades @ 9:30am, doors will open at 9:00am, families please enter through door 9
 - 1st-2nd grades @ 1:30pm, doors will open at 1:00pm, families please enter through door 9

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Attendance Matters: Every Student, Every Day

Having students in school every day is very important, but we know that things happen such as students getting sick, family emergencies, etc. Please be sure to report the reason for the student's absence to the school. If your child is ever absent from school, please report the absence by using the following:

- ParentVue, for day of and future absences- can only put in one absence at a time through ParentVue
- Provide Doctor's note and/or Parent letter
- Call the front office at 703-441-0050
- Absences must be reported within 5 days of the student's return to school.

Safety First

Safety is our number one priority. Please remember the following for entry into the building, arrival, and dismissal.

- Photo ID (government issued) must be presented to enter the building and dismissal of students. The physical photo ID must be presented to staff and cannot be accepted on a cell phone.
- No cars are permitted in the bus loop from 8:00am-9:00am and from 3:00pm-4:00pm. We have late buses and cars cannot be in the bus loop while students are boarding or exiting the bus. Parents should not pass any buses that have the red lights flashing.
- We know that everyone wants to drop off or pick-up students but please slowdown in the school area and do not go around other vehicles. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Informational Items:

- School Hours – 8:45AM-3:25 PM. Tardy Bell rings at 8:45AM.
- Office Hours- 8:00AM- 4:00PM.
- Children may not be dropped off before 8:30AM.
- A parent or guardian must accompany and sign in children arriving at school after 8:45AM.
- **If you need to pick up your children during school hours, you must present a Government Issued Photo Identification Card and sign them out from the office.** The office staff will call for the children to meet you in the office after your arrival and check out. The purpose of this procedure is to reduce disruptions to classroom instruction, as well as for safety reasons. All dismissal changes must be made in writing before 2:30PM. If you are picking up students for early dismissal, you must pick them up by 2:30PM. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Warm regards,

Dr. Gibson
Principal

Mrs. Herrera
Assistant Principal

Ms. Burton
Administrative Intern